



Several leaders at Music Tournament held Mar. 1 at Clarke College observe Betty Ray of Greenwood play a hymn. From left: James McElroy, professor of music, Clarke College; H. G. Earwood, minister of music, Fairview Church, Columbus and Dan C. Hall, music director.

Easter Appeal Is Made By Village

The Baptist Children's Village has called attention to its annual "Dress a Child at Easter" campaign, which is currently in progress.

According to the announcement, all individual Baptists and friends of children are invited to participate by sponsoring one or more of the boys and girls at the Village by furnishing new clothing for Spring and Summer suitable for church attendance.

Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent at Mississippi Baptists' child care agency, stated that the Easter project has grown, through the interest and generosity of individual Baptists to the point that in some years, the annual clothing budget at the Village for new clothing is virtually underwritten from the response to this one appeal.

He pointed out that any funds contributed in response to this appeal makes it possible for Village administration and staff to employ general budget funds in much more important areas of program which vitally affect the social, emotional and spiritual growth and development of the children.

Many inquiries and expressions of interest have already been received in connection with the campaign observance, but Superintendent Nunnery has advised that approximately 130 children still require sponsorship.

"Easter has become a day of Thanksgiving for us," Mr. Nunnery declared, "as we at the Village are reminded each year of the hundreds of individual friends our children may count among Mississippi Baptists, and as we are reminded of other hundreds who every year are coming to a new consciousness of the significance of our church's child, care effort as a mission field."

The Village staff invites individuals to respond to the 1968 appeal, either through gifts of

cash or gifts of new clothing. Friends may send cash gifts to the Village for deposit to the general Easter clothing fund or designated for specific children.

Gifts of cash are suggested for all boys because of difficulties in fitting boys.

Cash gifts will be used by Village staff in shopping for the children and may be sent in suggested amounts of not less than \$10.00 for children of less than 9 years; not less than \$15.00 for children of 9 to 12 years; not less than \$25.00 for children of 13 to 17 years; not less than \$35.00 for

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100 Men Are Sought For Ohio Crusade

One hundred Mississippi Baptist men are being sought for a Witnessing Crusade in the Steele Valley Baptist Association in Ohio June 25-30, according to Claude Townsend, of Florence, member of Mississippi Baptist Pioneer Missions Committee and chairman for the Ohio Crusade.

Seventy-five laymen and 25 pastors are needed, Mr. Townsend said, for the 25 four-man teams necessary to expedite the campaign, he added.

Men interested in participating in the Crusade are asked to contact the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi

Baptist Convention Board, Rev. E. L. Howell, director, C. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Men participating will be required to pay their own expenses or be sponsored by some group or organization, Mr. Howell said.

Rev. Ross Hughes, superintendent of missions of the heavily populated Warren, Ohio area, said that the men would be asked to seek out new places for the starting of missions.

"Double the number of Baptist Ministers" in Steele Valley Association will be the ob-

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Five Festivals To Be Conducted

Four Music Youth Festivals and one Junior Festival have been scheduled for the state, according to Dan C. Hall, director of the Music Department, sponsor.

On March 23 Youth Festivals will be held at Carey College, Hattiesburg and Clarke College, Newton.

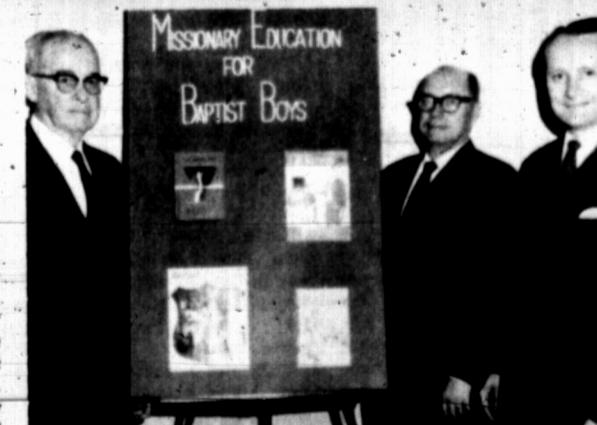
On March 23 Youth Festivals will be held at Mississippi College, Clinton and Blue Mountain College.

A state-wide Junior Festival will be held at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson April 6.

At the Carey Festival the conductor of the experienced group will be Leroy McClard, associate in Music Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, while the conductor for "first timers" will be Bill Benson, minister of music Temple Church, Hattiesburg.

At the Clarke meeting Ray Conner of the Sunday School Board will conduct the experienced group with Billy Vaughn, minister of music, First Church, Columbus, to lead the "first timers."

At the Blue Mountain Festival James Coleman, dean



More than 500 boys and their leaders attended the first of a series of Brotherhood Man and Boy Rallies held Mar. 1 at Highland Church, Laurel. In top photo John Bewley, minister of activities, Broadmoor Church, Jackson, shows Joe, his "assistant," to Glenn and David Pickering of Laurel. In lower photo three men observe poster, from left: Carl Wilson, Ellington layman; Rev. E. L. Howell, Brotherhood director and Rev. Robert Holifield, missionary to Italy.

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MC SETS PLANS FOR STUDENT AID FUND

Almost 50 Mississippi College supporters met in Jackson recently to finalize plans for the 1968 Student Aid Fund Appeal being supported jointly by the college's Alumni Association and the Booster Club.

The group, coming from all sections of the state, will attempt to raise \$50,000 to aid needy and worthy students during the school year 1968-69. Of the total sought, \$26,000 will be used for athletic or Choctaw scholarships and \$24,000 for non-athletic student aid.

The presidents of the two sponsoring groups, Ralph Hester of Jackson for the Alumni Association and Doss Fulton, of Jackson for the Booster Club, both spoke in behalf of the fund appeal.

Fulton offered a resolution whereby the individuals at the meeting, as representatives of the various groups of the college, constitute themselves as the Advisory Committee to push to a successful conclusion the current fund appeal.

Fulton's resolution also

recommended that any funds received over the stated goal be placed in a revolving student loan fund for use in future years. The resolution passed unanimously.

Dr. R. A. McLemore, president of the college, gave a rundown on the amount of money the college distributed to students this past year, stating that \$123,162 went to 290 students in various scholarship forms. He also said 264 students received \$208,683 through the United Student

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CHURCHES INCLUDED

Massive Urban Plans Ready

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP)—President Lyndon B. Johnson has challenged church groups as well as other private and governmental agencies to help solve "the crisis of the cities."

The President in a message to Congress called for a multi-billion dollar program to help meet urban problems which, he said, "rise from the decay of the decades."

"Today, America's cities are in crisis . . . the human problems of the city are staggering," the President declared. Among the problems he listed:

"Ghetto youth with little

education, no skills and limited opportunity.

"Citizens afraid to walk their streets at night.

"Negroes, Puerto Rican and Mexican-Americans barred by prejudice from full participation in the city's life.

"Illiteracy and disease, a lack of jobs and even dignity itself — these are the problems of the city, just as its tenements, traffic jams and rats are problems," Johnson said.

"The problem is so vast," the President said, "that the answer can only be forged by responsible leadership from every sector, public and private."

The challenge "extends to church and community groups, and to the family itself," he continued.

Among the many proposals to help solve urban problems, the President is asking for grants, loans and technical assistance for private non-profit groups engaged in housing projects. Many of these are church groups.

The requests of the President are almost as staggering as the problems of the cities themselves. They run headlong into the economy mood of the Congress that cut back appropriations for many government programs last year.

In spite of Congressional reluctance, the administration continues to call for a new anti-inflation tax, for fair housing legislation, for funding and strengthening of programs already approved, and for creative and expanded approaches to city problems.

In a press conference, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, Robert Weaver, said that the new proposals of the President

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Davis Receives Major Award

Dr. Wm. P. Davis, of Jackson, received a major award Wednesday night at the annual Rural and Urban Ministers' Institute held Feb. 27-29 at Alcorn A. & M. College at Lorman, Miss.

Dr. Davis, director of the Department of Work with National Baptists, received an attractive plaque with the following inscription:

"Presented to Dr. Wm. P. Davis for dedicated service rendered to Negro Ministers of Mississippi by Alcorn A. & M. College Ministers' Institute 1968."

The presentation was made by Mrs. Melerson Guy Dunham, chairman of the Religious Life Committee of the Institute.

Groups cooperating in sponsoring the Institute are the Board of Missions of the Meth-

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Churches Leading In Cooperative Giving

50 Churches Leading In Total Cooperative Program Giving

Church	Association	Pastor	Total Coop. Program Gifts
1. 1st Jackson	Hinds	Douglas Hudgins	95,353.63
2. Calvary	Hinds	Joe Tuten	69,605.75
3. 1st Columbus	Lowndes	S. R. Woodson	54,573.62
4. Broadmoor	Hinds	David Grant	50,625.36
5. 1st Greenville	Washington	Perry Claxton	45,636.65
6. 1st Meridian	Lauderdale	Beverly Tinnin	41,567.74
7. 1st Starkville	Oktibbeha	D. C. Applegate	39,355.72
8. 1st Yazoo	Yazoo	James Yates	33,566.95
9. 1st Grenada	Grenada	Bob Leavell	33,554.03
10. 1st Brookhaven	Lincoln	Bob Ramsay	29,916.68
11. Alta Woods	Hinds	Joe Cothen	29,889.34
12. 1st Natchez	Adams	Tom Dunlap	28,502.25
13. 1st Vicksburg	Warren	John McCall	28,039.12
14. 1st Kosciusko	Attala	Harold Kitchens	27,007.50
15. 1st Leland	Washington	James Richardson	26,650.79

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50 Churches Leading In Per Capita Cooperative Program Giving

Church	Pastor	Coop. Program Gift
1. 1st Columbus	S. R. Woodson	29.00
2. 1st Pontotoc	N. Levon Moore	28.58
3. 1st Yazoo City	James Yates	27.20
4. Bruce	Kermit McGregor	24.49
5. 1st Grenada	Bob Leavell	23.45
6. 1st Leland	J. Richardson	23.09
7. 1st Natchez	Tom Dunlap	22.78
8. 1st Newton	Newton	22.47
9. West Kemper	Kemper	22.22
10. 1st Magee	Simpson	21.94
11. Pelahatchie	Bob Maddox	21.73
12. Prentiss	L. E. Green	21.00
13. Monticello	James Harrell	20.43
14. 1st Jackson	Douglas Hudgins	20.14
15. Poplar Springs Dr.	Harold O'Chester	20.13
	Meridian	

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BAPTISTS IN WORLD TOTAL 29.8 MILLION

WASHINGTON (BP)—The membership of Baptist churches around the world shot upward by 2.6 million in the latest tabulation by the Baptist World Alliance.

A statistical table prepared annually shows a 1968 membership total of 29,177,707 as compared with a total compilation of 27,183,622 a year ago.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of B. W. A., said that the statistics include only baptized believers who have "personally professed faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and followed him in believer's baptism."

The largest gains were in Negro conventions in North America. Figures for the National Baptist Convention of

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The largest single group is the Southern Baptist Convention in the U.S.A. with a new total of 11,142,726—up 370,000 over the previously tabulated figures.

Nordenhaug said that the gains were not necessarily achieved in a 12 month period because in some cases the previous comparative figures were more than a year old.

The new totals by continents

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ABC President Urges SBC-ABC Merger

NASHVILLE (BP) — The president of the American Baptist Convention told a Southern Baptist audience here he would do anything within his power to bring about a merger between the American and Southern Baptist Conventions.

L. Doward McBain of Phoenix, Ariz., strongly urged all Baptist bodies in the nation to unite, but conceded later he did not think it would happen soon.

McBain, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Phoenix and president of the 1½ million-member ABC, spoke at the First Baptist Church here where H. Franklin Paschall, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is pastor.

"We aren't very different when it gets right down to it," McBain told about 200 members of the church attending a Wednesday evening service.

"Let's unite," he declared. "Let's start it tonight. If my saying it would nudge it one inch closer, I would say it with whatever influence the office might have: 'Let's unite.'

"We've been apart too long — more than a century. We ought to be working together in one body," he said.

"If your pastor had his way, he'd probably say the same thing," McBain added.

Paschall said in an interview that it would be great if all Baptists could get together, but he was more pessimistic about the reality of the possibilities. "There are too many structural and organizational difficulties," he said.

Both Paschall and McBain cited some cultural and theological differences between American and Southern Baptists, but added that within both conventions, there is probably as much divergency as there is between them.

"Theologically," McBain said, "there is probably not as much difference between American Baptists and Southern Baptists as most people might think."

He based his message on the cross and the crucifixion preaching on Hebrews 9, saying the cross is central among all Christians, not just Southern Baptists. Much of his message, however, was devoted to unity between American and Southern Baptists.

Following his address, McBain threw the floor open for questions, answering why American Baptists are not part of the Crusade of the Americas on a national basis.

He pointed out, however, that many American Baptists on a local and state level will be participating in the hemispheric-wide effort, and announced that Paschall had been invited to Phoenix to speak at a Crusade of the Americas rally. McBain said American Baptists in Arizona are in the crusade.

A question by Clifton J. Allen, editor of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, asked McBain to list what he considered to be the positive attitudes that should unify and deepen the bonds between the ABC and SBC.

McBain listed two major factors in reply: first, because of the deep crying need of America, for no denomination can do the job alone.

"The only time we Baptists ever seem to get together is over alcohol and Billy Graham," he quipped. "We're all for one and against the other."

Second, he said, Baptists should recognize the gifts they have and share them with others.

THINGS TO WRITE FOR:
"Cigarette Smoking & Health Characteristics" 64-page book of health statistics, data from the National Health Survey. (Also known as Public Health Service Publication No. 1000, Series 10, No. 34.) Available at 45¢ from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. 20402.

IF YOU DRINK . . . DON'T WALK?



Associational WMU officers from every section of the state met at Camp Garaway Feb. 27 for an interpretation of new WMU plans. Several leaders are seen, from left: Mrs. W. E. Hannah, Clinton, state president; Miss Edwin Robinson, executive secretary; Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, SBC WMU executive secretary, and Mrs. Tammy Etheridge, Chattanooga.

Phelps Resigns OEO, Eyes Governorship

ATLANTA (BP) — With plans to return to his former position as president of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., coupled with possible designs on the governorship of Arkansas, Ralph A. Phelps Jr., has resigned as regional director of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) here.

He had been president for 14 years.

He stayed with the OEO, however, only six months. There had been rumors circulating in Baptist circles for several weeks that Phelps was unhappy and wanted to leave the OEO.

Phelps was quoted by the Atlanta Constitution as saying that "anybody who works in the anti-poverty program feels frustrated."

He added that the basic idea of the poverty program — helping people to help themselves — is a good idea. But implementation of that idea has sometimes been somewhat less than "a howling success."

He told the Baptist Press, "After six months work with the OEO, I am more convinced than ever before of the importance of Christian education and our church-related colleges."

"If a government bureaucracy is the hope of the world," he said, "then the world is without hope, in my judgment."

"Our sick society has no chance of getting well apart from the moral and spiritual values taught by our churches and by a school like Ouachita," he added. "I am eager to resume my work in our Baptist school."

Phelps became regional director of the Southeast Region of the OEO on Sept. 1, 1967. He was responsible for coordinating all War on Poverty programs in the six state region including Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi and Florida.

In his statement of resignation, Phelps said that "circumstances at Ouachita Baptist University are such" that he decided to return there before his year's leave of absence was over. He said his responsibility in Arkansas was the "primary reason" for leaving the War on Poverty.

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children of college age.

Gifts of new clothing may be furnished by requesting names and ages of children from Village offices, sewing or shopping for the children in the sponsor's home town and mailing the gift to the children, or calling at the Village campus and taking the sponsored child or children shopping in the Jackson area.

Individuals desiring further information may write to: The Baptist Children's Village, Box A, Delta Station, Jackson, Miss., 39223, or telephone Village offices in Jackson at 922-2242.

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Total Giving . . .

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16. 1st Hattiesburg	Lebanon	Brooks Wester	25,585.60
17. Poplar Springs	Dr. Lauderdale	Harold Chester	25,257.43
18. 1st McComb	Pike	Wyatt Hunter	25,234.45
19. 1st Pontotoc	Pontotoc	Levon Moore	24,919.48
20. 1st Gulfport	Gulf Coast	William Tanner	24,741.71
21. 1st Columbia	Marion	Howard Aultman	23,695.29
22. Parkway	Hinds	Bill Causey	23,514.00
23. 1st New Albany	Union Co.	William Evans	23,233.89
24. 1st Clinton	Hinds	Russell McIntire	22,246.84
25. 1st Batesville	Panola	J. R. Davis	21,740.51
26. 1st Oxford	Lafayette	Wayne Coleman	21,659.69
27. Calvary Tupelo	Lee	John Traylor	21,500.01
28. 1st West Point	Clay	Jimmy Hipp	21,203.03
29. Main Street	Lebanon	John Barnes	19,411.01
30. 1st Magee	Simpson	Mei Craft	19,112.81
31. Ridgecrest	Hinds	Earl Kelly	18,873.74
32. 1st Laurel	Jones	Bob Marsh	18,718.46
33. 1st Louisville	Winston	Vernon May	18,640.33
34. 1st Crystal Springs	Copiah	Estus Mason	18,617.37
35. Bruce	Calhoun	Kermit McGregor	18,145.80
36. Harrisburg	Lee	Robert Hamblin	18,101.11
37. 1st Picayune	Pearl River	Carless Evans	17,797.17
38. Highland	Lauderdale		17,168.06
39. 1st Newton	Newton		16,582.81
40. 1st Mendenhall	Simpson	N. F. Davis	16,448.27
41. Woodland Hills	Hinds	Fuller Saunders	16,072.27
42. 1st Greenwood	Leflore	Clifton Perkins	15,364.00
43. 1st Quitman	Clarke	Jackie Hamilton	15,000.00
44. 1st Aberdeen	Monroe	James Fancher	14,666.66
45. Bowmar	Warren	Gwin Turner	14,597.44
46. Prentiss	Jeff Davis	L. E. Green	14,473.33
47. Oakhurst	Riverside	K. F. Horton	14,317.34
48. Fifteenth Ave.	Lauderdale	Bob Simmons	14,285.91
49. 1st Biloxi	Gulf Coast	Larry Rohrman	13,678.47
50. 1st Houston	Chickasaw	Malcolm Jones	13,658.56

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16. Glendale Hattiesburg	D. W. Rouse	Lebanon	20.04
17. 1st Ripley	Robert Martin	Tippah	19.95
18. 1st Quitman	Jackie Hamilton	Clarke	19.79
19. 1st Louisville	Vernon May	Winston	19.75
20. 1st Mendenhall	N. F. Davis	Simpson	19.60
21. 1st Okolona	James Ruffin	Chickasaw	19.37
22. Tyro	Don Stanfill	Tate	19.20
23. Dixie Hattiesburg	R. C. Woodham	Lebanon	19.15
24. Sardis	Charles Conley	Panola	18.78
25. 1st New Albany	Pete Evans	Union Co.	18.72
26. Kewanee-Meridian	R. H. Cherry	Lauderdale	18.57
27. 1st Aberdeen	James Fancher	Monroe	18.40
28. 1st Batesville	J. R. Davis	Panola	18.35
29. 1st Meridian	Beverly Tinnin	Lauderdale	18.28
30. Myrtle	Percy Ray	Union Co.	18.17
31. Collins	Joe Ratcliff	Covington	18.03
32. Slayden	M. L. Swinney	Marshall	18.03
33. 1st Kosciusko	Harold Kitchens	Attala	17.97
34. Berwick	Jonathan Waddell	Mississippi	17.54
35. 1st Calhoun City	Bill Baker	Calhoun	17.42
36. Union		Clarke	17.21
37. Friendship McComb	Charles Taylor	Pike	17.03
38. Broadmoor Jackson	David Grant	Hinds	16.98
39. Calvary Jackson	Joe Tuten	Hinds	16.81
40. 1st Florence	J. M. Metts	Rankin	16.75
41. 1st Laurel	Bob Marsh	Jones	16.68
42. Parkway Kosciusko	Billy Williams	Attala	16.52
43. Meadowood Amory		Monroe	16.43
44. Indian Springs	Ray Pridgen	Jones	16.34
45. Hickory	H. L. Davis	Newton	16.12
46. Parkway Natchez	Fred Robertson	Adams	16.06
47. Calvary Tupelo	John Traylor	Lee	16.04
48. 1st Morton	Bill Ross	Scott	16.01
49. Bethany	James Harvey	Calhoun	15.86
50. 1st Greenville	Perry Claxton	Washington	15.60

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dent "have a magnitude, a clout, that others have not had before." He expressed the hope that the new proposals were comprehensive enough to overcome the resistance of many in Congress who have not supported the President's programs the past two years.

Among the President's recommendations in his 20-page message are the following:

1. Full appropriation of the \$2.18 billion already authorized for the anti-poverty program.

2. A Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 which will provide for the construction of 26 million new homes and apartments over the next 10 years.

3. A program to provide 300,000 housing starts in fiscal 1969 for the poor, the handicapped, the displaced and families with moderate incomes.

4. Full and additional funding of the model cities program already approved by Congress.

5. A federal-state-industry program for a National Insurance Development Corporation for protection of property owners and developers.

6. Plans for help to solve urban transportation problems.

7. A New Communities Act of 1968 which will provide funds to help develop new planned communities and cities.

Controversy Seen . . .

The massive Johnson program inevitably will kick off controversy in Congress and around the nation. Naturally, economy-minded people will protest. Others with programs of their own will fight for their own proposals. Both political parties will vie for the spotlight in meeting the needs of the people.

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jective of the Crusade, Mr. Hughes said, with 20 to be the actual number of new missions to be sought.

Regular Crusade services in the local churches will be held on Wednesday or Thursday nights and on Sunday morning, he added.

Saturday will be "Rally Day" with three simultaneous area meetings to be conducted.

Mississippi Baptist men have gone to this same association for crusades the past two years.

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of Music Department of University of Mississippi, will lead the experienced group while director for the "first timers" will be announced later.

Dr. Donald Winters, dean of Music Department of Carey College, will conduct the experienced group at the Mississippi College Festival with the "first timers" to be led by Jimmy Cutrell, minister of music, First Church, Prentiss.

Each festival will run from 9:30 a. m. - 3:30 p. m.

The guest conductor for the Junior Festival will be Ronald Wells, minister of music, First Church, Belzona, Texas.

Organist will be Bill Trotter, professor of organ, and Mrs. Beverly Shaw, music instructor, both of Mississippi College.

The Festival will be held from 9:30 a. m. - 2:00 p. m.

MC Sets Plans - - -

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Aid Fund and that \$85,500 was distributed to 285 students through the student work program.

The number of students aided in the various programs totalled 847, or over half of the full-time student body, with the total dollar output being \$417,345. Dr. McLemore indicated that this past year was the 36th consecutive year that the college had operated on a balanced budget.

Others speaking in behalf of the fund appeal were Dr. William Lewis Nobles, president-elect of the college; B. C. Rogers of Morton, president of the Board of Trustees; W. D. Lofton of Brookhaven, chairman of the athletic committee of the Board of Trustees; and Hartwell McPhail, director of athletics.

In other business of the night, W. W. Gresham of Indiana was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association. He fills the vacancy created by the death of Tobe Reno of Indiana. The term expires in 1970.

Film On Bobby Richardson Released

THE BOBBY RICHARDSON STORY, a new color film, has been released by Gospel Films, Inc., Muskegon, Michigan.

This action-packed document is made up of highlights from the life of former New York Yankee second baseman, Bobby Richardson, who retired recently to devote his life to helping the youth of the world.

Beginning with a sandlot game in South Carolina, this film includes scenes from the World Series when Bobby set a new record for the most runs batted in in one series. It shows the grand slam home run which made him one of 7 players who have accomplished this in all of World Series history.

Though small in size, Bobby Richardson played second base so well that Casey Stengel, manager of the New York Yankees, said, "I can put Richardson at second in the first game and forget about second base for the rest of the season."

Bobby Richardson is more than an athlete. He's a man who is concerned about others, and THE BOBBY RICHARDSON STORY shows the people and the events that molded him into the kind of person that fathers want their sons to be.

THE BOBBY RICHARDSON STORY is the latest release from Gospel Films, Inc., producers of THE TONY FONTOANE STORY, and HEY THERE, VONDA!, with Vonida Kay Van Dyke, Miss America 1965. Gospel Films has also released THE PAUL CARLSON STORY, THE BILLY SUNDAY STORY, BELOVED ENEMY, and RIDING THE PULPIT, which traces the life of Jess Moody, Pastor of the First Baptist Church at West Palm Beach, Florida.



NASHVILLE — WILLIAM H. ICHTER, Southern Baptist missionary, Brazil, and W. Hines Sims, secretary, church music department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, discuss the new English version of "Crusade of the Americas." Ichter composed the music to the song. Words were first written by a Brazilian Baptist poet, Mario Barreto Franca. Sims was asked to write the English version of the Crusade song. The English version of the song is available in hymnal size song sheets at all Baptist Book Stores. Sims titled his version "Christ the Only Hope." The Portuguese title is "Campanha," meaning "campaign." The English version's first verse and chorus read:

From the slopes of the Atlantic,
To Pacific's rugged shore,
Comes a mighty proclamation,
Bringing hope for evermore.
'Tis a message of salvation,
Of redemption for all men,
'Tis a message that Christ Jesus
Brings salvation from all sin.

Christ is the hope of our salvation,
Jesus Christ who saves from sin;
If your trust Him as your Saviour,
You can know His peace within.

Clarke College Bond Issue Now Ready

The \$300,000 bond issue of Clarke College, is now ready and the bonds are being offered for sale. The bond issue approved by the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November is for the purpose of completing the payment of construction costs for the new Fine Arts Building and for refinancing the entire remaining indebtedness on the plant facilities constructed during the Greater Clarke College Expansion Program: the Science Hall, Men's Residence Hall and Women's Residence Hall.

Official information concerning the bond issue will be found in a prospectus available from the college business office. However, the following is some information for those who may be interested. The bonds are issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000 and \$5,000, there being a total of 300 bonds aggregating a total value of \$300,000.

Maturities range from one

year to twelve years. Interest at the rate of 6% per annum is paid semi-annually on February 1 and August 1 of each year upon presentation of the proper coupons which are attached to the bonds.

Already a considerable number of bonds have been sold and there is every indication that the entire issue will be sold. This refinancing of the entire outstanding obligation on the plant facilities into one bond issue is an excellent move for the College.

Anyone interested in purchasing a bond or bonds is invited to write the Business Office of Clarke College, Box 440, Newton, Mississippi, for a copy of the prospectus.

WMU Convention -

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WMU, especially urges men as well as women to attend this service.

Mothers of Mississippi missionaries will be recognized as special guests at the opening Tuesday morning session.

A business session will be held Wednesday morning which will include the election of officers and reports of registration, courtesy and other committees.

Convention theme will be "Publish Glad Tidings."

Other officers are: Mrs. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, vice-president; Mrs. D. P. Godman, Jackson, recording secretary and Miss Sue Tatum, Yazoo City, assistant recording secretary.

This year's program will include inspirational addresses, reports of activities and plans for the future, worship periods, special music, business session and young people's activities.

The convention each year is sponsored by the State Baptist WMU.

Baptists In World -

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(with the increase shown in parenthesis are):

Africa — 471,856 (29,744)

Asia — 960,938 (20,732)

Central America — 214,363 (2,579)

Europe — 1,157,432 (29,188)

Middle East — 1,068 (186)

South America — 297,048 (14,607)

Southwest Pacific — 111,873 (3,351)

North America — 26,412,866 (2,343,435)

The statistical tabulation breaks down the totals by continents by listing the totals currently available in each of the 124 countries in the world where Baptists are known to live and witness.

Besides her son, Bryant, survivors include her husband, and one daughter, Betty Ann Cummings.

AMERICAS CRUSADE UP TO BAT

All The Bases Are Loaded

By Gerald Martin

Within the past few days jet planes have carried me literally from one side of our nation to the other. My own heart is thrilled with what I've seen and heard! Since it indicates God is about to answer your prayers for national revival let me share it with you.

In California my eyes saw and felt the greatest surge of spiritual life ever known in that state. Twenty five years ago when "Uncle Sam" took me to that colorful state as a serviceman the work of Southern Baptists was so small it was actually "a needle in a haystack." Several times I have returned as an evangelist in revivals. The people were downhearted and discouraged. The attendance was thin and the results comparable.

California Baptists are now in the midst of the greatest evangelistic effort the state has ever known. The enthusiasm of the people is high, their compassion deep. The response is tremendous. In associational evangelism conferences all over the state the attendance has overflowed the largest auditoriums. The Holy Spirit is moving in mighty power upon the people. The Christians are committing themselves personally to witness as never before.

Thrills are in abundance as you move from one end of the state to the other. Dr. Eugene Grubbs, secretary of evangelism for California Baptists, reports the entire state to be high in their hopefulness for a pentecostal-like experience.

In our state of Tennessee we are not seeing large crowds turn out as they did in California but we've felt the same moving of God's Spirit. Men are recognizing our spiritual needs as never before. There is expressed concern for revival in our state and nation. Leaders all across Tennessee are disturbed about the small number of baptisms. There is a "stirring in the mulberry



BUSINESS CRUSADE PLANS — Four men involved in planning for the Crusade of the Americas are shown here on the campus of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, deeply engrossed in discussion. From left, they are: Henry Earl Peacock, missionary and co-ordinator of the Crusade; President Duke K. McCall of Southern Seminary, a member of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee; Gerald Martin of Memphis, president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference; and Rubens Lopes, general chairman of the Crusade and a leading Brazilian Baptist.

pulpit. Henry Bartsch is an unusually intelligent, high-moraled and tender hearted person but is not born again. Yet he recognized and stated that what we as Baptists are attempting in America is our only hope. An unsaved man believes that!

Now, God has called us to go to bat. He has pointed out to us that the bases are loaded. Everyone in the stands knows we are losing. Most of the viewers I talk to figure it

to be the "last of the ninth" (inning). If we get a hit we can drive in the "runs" which will win the game. In the Holy Spirit we have power available to "clean the bases."

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."



Rev. Charles Brock is seen in front of Grace Memorial Church in Gulfport.

Church Adopts Stewardship Plans

The Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention through the State Stewardship Department is offering to churches a new professional type fund raising campaign to secure from the members of the church monies to be used for church buildings.

Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, voted unanimously to use the Church Building Fund Campaign to help replace an auditorium destroyed

by fire. Rev. Charles Brock is pastor.

This campaign is designed to save the churches thousands of dollars in interest, while at the same time allowing them to provide the facilities they need to reach people.

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THE EDITORIAL PAGE

Thursday, March 7, 1968

The Baptist Record

Largest Circulation of Any Newspaper
Of Any Kind In Mississippi
JOE T. ODLE, EditorSouthern Baptists And The
Sunday School

In about two weeks the state Sunday school convention will be held at Meridian. A splendid program has been planned, and there should be a large attendance of pastors, and Sunday school leaders and workers, from all over the state. No phase of our work is more important than the Sunday school, and churches must keep that organization strong if their work is to continue to advance.

In the generations just passed, Southern Baptists learned to use the Sunday school as the most effective agency they had in reaching people, winning them to Christ, and enlisting them in the life of the church. Much of the rapid growth of Southern Baptists in the 30's, 40's and 50's, must be attributed to a great Sunday school program.

Can it be possible that the slow down of Southern Baptist work in the 60's has been caused by a failure to continue to give central emphasis to the Sunday school? Have we become so concerned about other activities, that we have forgotten the one organization, which more than any other, brought growth and advance?

We would not for one moment disparage the place of the Training Union, the WMU, the Brotherhood, the Music department, or other agencies and programs of the church. All of them are vital and should be given large emphasis.

Nevertheless, it still is true that the Sunday school reaches a much larger constituency than any other church organization, and therefore, has been and is, the most effective agency for church advance.

The Sunday school has the widest constituency. It has a place for every person, young and old, church member or not. Other organizations specialize on certain groups, as, for example, the Training Union is for church members. The Sunday school, however, finds the unsaved and the unenlisted, and brings them into the fellowship of the church family, places them under the teaching of the Bible by some of the best leaders of the church, and then seeks to win them to Christ and to church membership. It offers spiritual guidance, teaching, inspiration, fellowship and a place of service.



The Loose Stone

By Dr. W. Morris Ford

Dr. Sam Shoemaker tells a moving story in his book, *Extraordinary Living for Ordinary Men*, about his decision to move from his church in New York to Calvary Church in Pittsburgh. He wanted very much to know God's will in the matter. Twenty-seven years he had served the New York church. Pittsburgh offered a challenging opportunity. He needed help to know what to do.

His wife had said, "Are you really praying about that Pittsburgh call? I think it might be from God, and not just from Pittsburgh." He did pray. In the prayer he expressed his willingness to go if the Lord would make it clear.

Something indicative happened. He saw a stone block, come loose in a wall, with the cement broken and dry around it. As it dropped out, up-ending itself, it seemed to lean toward western Pennsylvania. Then he went to his office and tackled his morning mail. There was something there that related to his church program the next autumn. But something said to him, "There's not going to be any next autumn for you here." He went to Pittsburgh.

Strange story, indeed, but God has his ways of letting us know his will for us if we really want that revelation. The author went on to give his three tests to determine God's will for one's life. I pass them on to you, believing you really want to know.

(1) "Test it by the revealed will and plan of God, as we know it in the New Testament. The more we know our Bible, the better will be our contact with Christ, and hence our knowledge of His will."

(2) "Pray about it, and be ready for an answer. It is possible for us to have halted and wavered so long that we need to give ourselves a push to recognize and accept the guidance God is giving us."

(3) "Test it by circumstances. Does God offer you a stumbling block, or an open door? Sometimes God wants us to break through obstructions to find and do His will; but sometimes events positively conspire to make it known to us, and God is in the events."

Sam Shoemaker is simply saying we need to look first into God's revealed Word;



Newest In Books

THE GOSPEL FOR AN EXPLORING WORLD by H. Franklin Paschall (Broadman 128 pp., \$2.95)

The popular president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., speaks on the gospel as the relevant message for the present exploring world. He discusses the world conditions of today — population, immorality, sex, war, etc., and then shows how the gospel is the

answer for every human problem and need. He shows what the gospel is and how people are saved, explaining repentance, faith, and the work of the Holy Spirit in the new birth. He presents Christ as the Conquering one, and the meaning of the resurrection. The responsibility of the church to give this message to the lost world and minister to needy men is detailed in the closing pages. The messages are brief, but the illustrations and applications are clear.

THE KESWICK WEEK 1967 (Christian Literature Crusade, Ft. Washington, Pa., paper, 190 pp.)

Many Christian readers around the world each year eagerly await the publication of the annual Keswick Week book, containing the rich spiritual messages on Christian life delivered at the Keswick Christian Life Conference, held in England each summer. The 1967 edition is no disappointment. Among

the speakers widely known in America, whose messages appear in this edition, are Dr. William Culbertson, Dr. Paul Rees, and Dr. Alan Redpath. Great English leaders, and also those from other areas, are included. A feature of the conference was an exposition of Galatians by Dr. Rees. If you want your heart searched, and your own personal spiritual needs pointed up, get a copy of this book and read it. It almost will be like attending the conference.

PREPARING FOR PLAT FORM AND PULPIT by John E. Baird (Abingdon, 222 pp., \$4.50)

Basic skills in the broad field of public speaking are often neglected in the training of preachers. Here principles of public discourse are presented in a logical and orderly fashion, by a college professor of speech. This book is good for classroom use and also as a self-help tool for students, active preachers, and lay speakers.

ies, and as it has been in the United States in years past.

Baptist editors in the Washington area, along with some others, have questioned the wisdom of such a parade, citing the atmosphere in Washington, and the possibility of even more eruptive conditions in that city during the coming summer.

We believe that it still is true that if you want to build a great church, build a great Sunday school.

If you want to win many souls and baptize large numbers of converts, build a great Sunday school.

If you want to enlarge the whole ministry of the church, build a great Sunday school.

If you want a strong stewardship program, build a great Sunday school.

The Sunday school, as Southern Baptists have developed and used it in recent years, has been a mighty force for advance for Christ.

While some groups have condemned the Sunday school, and have predicted its early death, Southern Baptists, and many other groups, know that this is far from true. The Sunday school is very much alive today, and where properly used, is still the mightiest Bible teaching force in the churches.

Sunday schools can be and are being built. While changes in communities have slowed the growth in some churches, and while the differences in world conditions, may be making the work more difficult than a few years ago, Sunday schools still are growing in many churches in numerous denominations.

Sunday school enlargement is one of the programs of the Crusade of the Americas. A "Preparation Guide" for a "Pastor led Sunday School Enlargement Campaign" is now ready, and the whole plan will be discussed at the coming convention in Meridian.

If the Crusade of the Americas is to reach the largest possible number of people, the Sunday school must be used in all of the churches.

Plan now to have your church well represented at the coming meeting, so that it may participate most effectively in the coming campaign.

To March Or Not To March

To march or not to march, that is the question?

Baptist leaders are debating whether to hold a parade or rally in connection with the coming Congress on Evangelism, to be held in Washington, D. C., next October.

The Congress is being held as a part of the Crusade of the Americas, and the North American Coordinator, Dr. Wayne Dehoney, and some other members of the committee planning for the Crusade, have felt that such a parade might be an effective witness for Christ, as it has recently been in numerous South American cities.

We believe that Baptists have a committee which can be trusted to do the right thing in this matter.

Other Baptists are now telling the committee what they think. With this knowledge, and also with full understanding of what they have in mind, we believe that they can be trusted to make the right decisions.

Baptists are a part of America, and have a positive witness for Christ to give to the nation. They should not hesitate to do the unusual simply because it might affect their "image," for if being a little different, and doing things in the unusual way, will give a greater witness, then let it be done. We should not allow "hippies," "demonstrators," or other agitators to make the decisions as to what we shall or shall not do in our Christian witness. At the same time, our leaders will need to use good judgment and the wisdom given them of God, in deciding what can and cannot be done in this Crusade.

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The Baptist Forum

"If All Seats Could Only Be End Seats"

Dear Dr. Odle:

I desire to mention a need or custom which could be corrected in connection with the worship service of our congregation. This is a condition which exists in all churches and needs to be brought to the attention of all people.

Numbers of people sit at the end of the seat next to the aisle and when others come they will not move toward the center themselves, so make it hard for others to pass by them to be seated.

I have observed this for years, wishing that it could be different and it is possible if individuals would only realize how much good would be accomplished if the first persons to arrive would go to the center of that row of seats and leave the rest of the row for those arriving later.

Last Sunday I got into the sanctuary just after the organ began the prelude. I saw a row of chairs behind the back row of seats and some people already sitting in them but I also saw a lot of vacant seats all over the audience, so desiring to get nearer to the front I followed an usher, who showed me a seat on which three people were sitting between the center and the aisle, but next to the aisle.

A lady was occupying the first space and two men next to her. The men considered moving down a space but she did not budge so they stood up instead for me to pass.

I am not extremely small nor large, and these men were not, but it was a struggle to get by her feet and go between them and the hats or heads without touching any of them. I think I made it.

One time I saw one of the oldest and best teachers of the Sunday school, who was accompanied by a blind member of her class, have to pass by two ladies sitting on the end of the seat before they could have a place to sit, when it would have been so easy, and more thoughtful of these ladies, to have moved down for them. Our people need to be reminded. As I see it, the needed improvement is the

more people would receive more spiritual benefit from the service if all the front seats were occupied; for the nearer one is to the speaker.

er or the program, the greater the benefit received.

2. The ushers are freely giving of their time and are faithful to the task and it would make it so much easier for them. It would not be necessary to bring in and carry out so many chairs. Inside seats are sometimes vacant because it is hard to get to them.

3. It would be so much easier and pleasant for those who come in last to be seated quietly and without disturbance which would be helpful to the spirit of prayerful worship.

4. It would be helpful to the pastor or speaker.

5. It would show a more unselfish disposition.

I know that pastors would be pleased if these conditions were improved but I have never heard but one Pastor mention it and he was Dr. Robert G. Lee, who said, "I wish that all the seats could have ends."

I believe that Christians are becoming more aware of the need for personal witnessing and this is just a small part of it. But it is a part.

—A Member

In Favor Of Week-Day Church Schools

Dear Sir:

About 20 years ago I got a wonderful idea from an Episcopal minister. The idea was to use the new church auditorium as a kindergarten by stacking up the folding chairs.

Our venture proved very successful and resulted in St. Martin's School of Metairie, La., which I am told is now worth a great deal of money. (I stayed four years with the school and found out that a few parents put their children on the waiting list before they were even born.) I am a Baptist.

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On the cover on the January issue of the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* which seemed innocuous enough — some sort of arrangement of geometric figures. But to those who had seen the design before, the message was chilling. The magazine calls it, simply, the *Bulletin clock*, but to the press it has become known as "The Doomsday Clock." Since 1947, when its hands stood at seven minutes to midnight, the *Bulletin's* scientist editors have used it to symbolize their view of how close the world is to nuclear holocaust. Twice the hands had moved up, to three minutes to midnight in 1949 when Russia exploded its first atomic bomb, then to two minutes when, in 1953, both the United States and Russia developed hydrogen weapons. But then the clock's hands were turned back, both in 1960 and 1963, with the thaw in U.S.-Soviet relations and the signing of the limited test-ban treaty. This moved the hands back to 12 minutes to midnight. But on the new cover, the time again is at seven minutes — "in sad recognition," said editor Dr. Eugene Rabinowitch, "that the past six years have brought mankind farther down the road to nuclear disaster."

—The Wesleyan Methodist

Revival Dates

Mountain Creek Church (Rankin); March 10-16; Services nightly at 7:15; Rev. Billy Joe Pierce, Pearson Church, evangelist; Roland Dear, singer; Rev. Jimmy Rodgers, pastor.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

March 11 — J. B. Costlow, BSU director, Clarke College; A. A. Ward, Leake associate; Sunday school superintendent.

March 12 — Carolyn Webb, instructor, Gilfoy School of Nursing; J. W. Underwood, trustee, Baptist Hospital.

March 13 — Alton Miller, faculty, Mississippi College; Mrs. Vernon May, WMU president, District IV.

March 14 — Leon Ballard, Choctaw associational Training Union director; A. L. Hatten, Carroll-Montgomery associational superintendent of missions.

March 15 — E. L. Howell, Baptist Building; Mrs. Mike Everett, Baptist Building.

March 16 — J. Frank Davis, faculty, Wm. Carey College; Lillian Heiderhoff, Baptist Book Store.

March 17 — Miss Mary Crenshaw, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Janis G. Nix, staff, Children's Village.

door play and a better chance to develop strong healthy bodies in the afternoons.)

Many mothers would jump at the chance to teach in half-day school if their young children were given free scholarships. I believe we must take the children back to church on week-days and Sundays if liberty and freedom are to survive in America.

Miss Anne E. Leigh
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NEW OFFICERS OF LEBANON ASSOCIATION GIRLS' AUXILIARY were installed at a meeting on February 12 at Central Church, Hattiesburg. Installing officer was Mrs. Claude Pittman, Sr., extreme right. Seated: Carol Martin, president; Linda Tighman, pianist; Candace Cook, secretary; Jan O'Bryan, organist. Standing: Mrs. Billy Mitchell, special music director; Frances Bess Ogletree, song director; Sue Sibils, vice-president; Brenda Creel, treasurer; Linda Wright, prayer chairman; Mrs. James O'Bryan, Intermediate GA director; Mrs. H. M. Crenshaw, Junior GA director.

Mass Media Feature Brazilian Baptists

Brazilian Baptists received exceptional coverage in the mass media in connection with the annual meeting of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, held in Fortaleza, Ceara, in late January.

News of the Convention got more than 350 column inches in three local daily newspapers, plus radio and television coverage, reports Miss Roberta E. Hampton, public relations counselor for the North Brazil Baptist Mission. Some of the radio and TV appearances were planned; others spontaneous. For instance:

A caravan of young Con-

vention-goers from the state of Pernambuco stopped for a rest in Mossoro, Rio Grande do Norte, about 10 o'clock one night. Piling out of their bus for a look at the town, the boys began playing games on the sidewalk, but the girls found a small park and sang folk songs. Personnel at a nearby radio station heard them and invited them to sing over the air. (The station is owned by a Roman Catholic priest.)

A handbell choir and a soloist from the Seminary of Christian Educators, Baptist women's school in Recife, Ceara, helped provide mu-

sic for the meeting of the Convention and of the Brazilian Woman's Missionary Union. Granted 10 minutes on television, they performed so well that they were asked to stay and present additional selections. While they were preparing, the station gave bits of information about Baptists. A Baptist who was in downtown Fortaleza at the time reported seeing a large crowd watching the musicians on a TV set in the window of an appliance store.

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The Baptist Student Union of William Carey College conducted their Spring retreat recently at Kittiwake Assembly on the Gulf Coast.

"The Impossible Dream" was the theme chosen by the 31 students who participated. Under the direction of BSU president, Susie Epperson, the retreat involved panel discussions, Bible study, recreation, and prayer times.

"Bible Passages that Both-er Me" was a study led by Dorman Laird, graduate student at New Orleans Seminary, who will be coming as Director of Religious Activities at William Carey College on June 1.



NEW ORGAN IN NEW BUILDING at Clarke College fascinates four faculty members of the music department. Focus of interest in the recital hall of the new Lott Fine Arts building are the Rodgers organ and the Yamaha grand piano. Trying out the new organ is Mrs. Marian Thornton, as music instructors J. B. McElroy, Mrs. McElroy, and Mrs. Edwin Neely, and President W. L. Compere, look on.



**TO PRESENT
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MERIDIAN**

The Stalnecker and Tyson team (pictured) will present a concert of sacred music at Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, on Saturday night, March 9, at 7:30 p. m.

The team is in charge of music for the revival in progress this week, March 3-10, at Poplar Springs Drive. Rev. Harold E. O'Chester, pastor, is doing the preaching. Services are at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

**SHADY GROVE
ADDS STAFFER**

Shady Grove Church, Hazlehurst, has extended a call to Phil Chisolm of Meridian and Mississippi College as music and youth director. Mr. Chisolm began his duties the first of January. He is married to the former Gail Costlow of Newton. Rev. H. Glen Schilling is pastor.

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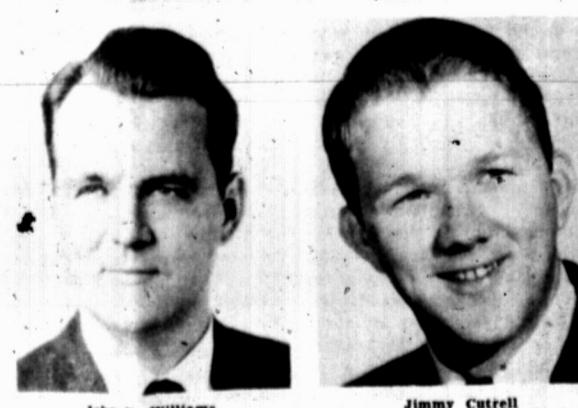
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This invitation includes those Youth from churches which have no organized Youth Choirs, as well as Youth from churches which have not learned the music. All music for the "First Timers" Festival will be supplied free of cost by the Church Music Department, and there will be no adjudication. Each church may choose the festival to attend according to convenience of location and date. The festival begins at 9:30 A.M. and will conclude with a concert at approximately 3:00 P.M.

GUESTS FOR LUNCH

Pastors and Music Directors of churches whose Youth participate in the "First Timers" Festival are cordially invited to be guests of the Church Music Department for lunch on the day of the Festivals. This meal will be served on campus. The Young People will probably want to bring a snack lunch, and drinks may be purchased on campus.

NO PREPARATION—NO COST

No preparation is necessary prior to the date of the festival. There will be no music to buy, inasmuch as all music will be supplied free of charge by the Church Music Department. There will be no judging, but there will be many wonderful things for your Young People to learn and to enjoy at the "First Timers" Festivals.

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DEVOTIONAL

Seth, Who Helped Begin A Revival

Gen. 4:25-26

By Henry L. Tillman, Pastor
Evergreen Church, Shubuta

The tragedy of Cain and Abel shattered the lives of Adam and Eve. In just a few brief days their family was gone. Abel was dead, killed by his brother who ran away from home in a fit of anger. Now the household was quiet and gloomy. Meals were eaten in silence. A thousand times they wished they had obeyed God in Eden. But, alas, sin never has foresight, only hindsight.

But God will not leave His people at the mercy of sin and evil. The Lord had promised them an heir who would uphold truth and righteousness and pass the faith on to future generations. (Gen. 3:15).

True to His Word, God gave Adam and Eve another son. As an expression of their faith and gratitude they named him Seth which means "Appointed One." In this son, they saw the evidence of God's promise of an heir.

Was their faith justified? What type of person did this son become? Compressed as one brief verse of scripture, we have an account of his life and influence.

We are told that Seth became a man of God. He learned well the lessons of faith from his parents. During his lifetime, it was said . . . then began men to call upon the name of the Lord. Not only did Seth become a child of God but he also led others to the Lord.

This is always the case. One who truly knows the Lord seeks to share his faith with others. Experiencing forgiveness of sin and fellowship with God is too great a joy to be silent about. In fact, for a person not to share the good news of salvation is the height of selfishness. If one does not share his faith in God, this may indicate that his profession, like Cain's, is purely superficial and false.

Seth strengthened the hopes of his parents and led in beginning a revival of true religion. Can this be said of you and me? Is your faith worth sharing with your children, your neighbors, your fellow employees, or your employer? If it is, have you been willing to lead them "to call upon the name of the Lord" as Seth did?

If your life story were written now, could it be said that many persons have begun to call upon the name of the Lord because of your influence? Will you become a man of God like Seth and be God's instrument of revival?



WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE ALUMNA, BETTY HART (right), missionary to Chile, returned to her alma mater for a quick look at the new buildings that have been built since her graduation in 1952. Helping to point out the new Cafeteria and Foods Laboratory is student, Zo Dillon. The two women had previously been associated in work together in the Talla Dana mission in New Orleans.

Revival Dates

Petal-Harvey Plans Clinic On Evangelism

Rev. O. E. Thompson, pas-

to be held at the church Monday and Tuesday, March 11 and 12, 7-9 p. m.

Claude Townsend, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will lead the men's group, while Mrs. Velma Soape, a dedicated soul winner from First Church, Columbia, will lead the ladies' group. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor, directors of child evangelism, Hattiesburg, are to lead the youth group; ages 12-24.

Under the direction of Don Lingle, music minister of the church, Alan Colletti, and David Duke, two well-known instrumentalists of Hattiesburg, will demonstrate evangelist music, at the beginning and end of each conference. Ministers of music of the participating churches will be in charge of congregational singing at each session.

A nursery will be provided each night, and refreshments will be served during the break, in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

PASTOR DIES

Rev. Elton C. Wheeler, pas-

tor of Gallman Church, Gallman, died on February 21. Mr. Wheeler suffered a stroke while preaching on Sunday night, February 18, and died the following Wednesday. Rev. Dan Morton and Dr. E. C. Farr conducted the funeral service in the Gallman Church on February 22; burial was in Gallman Cemetery.

Mr. Wheeler accepted the call to preach at the age of 31. He graduated from Clark College and Mississippi College. He had served the Eden Church, and Rocky Springs Church, in Yazoo County. For the past 12½ years he had served the Gallman Church.

One man reports that the majority of the men in the membership and leadership of the Gallman Church received their spiritual tutoring under



MISS HAZEL BRELAND, formerly of Philadelphia, now Assistant Director of Recruitment Personnel Service for the American National Red Cross, Southeastern area, Atlanta, Georgia, discusses interesting Red Cross positions with three Blue Mountain College seniors who are also being enlightened about the work by Miss Kathy Wickstrom, a full-time National Red Cross worker. Seated, left to right: Miss Wickstrom; Miss Breland, an alumna of Blue Mountain College; and Norma Boyce, of Memphis. Standing are, left, Sharon McCullough, Blytheville, Ark.; and Carolyn McDowell, of Tampa, Fla. These girls are friends of Gloria Glover, 1957 graduate of the college, who is program director for the Red Cross in Vietnam.



Rev. Ralph Brady
Brookhaven Pastor
Publishes Book

The pastor of Pearlhaven Church, Brookhaven, Rev. Ralph Brady, has published a book entitled "Guadeloupe: Mission Field in the West Indies". The book is a result of a two-weeks tour of the island, which is nestled in the midst of the West Indies chain where the Caribbean Sea meets the Atlantic Ocean. Guadeloupe is an overseas

Japanese Baptists Give Cooperatively

Gifts to the Japan Baptist Convention's cooperative program totaled 16,020,795 yen (about \$44,501 U.S.) in 1967. The six English-language churches affiliated with the Convention contributed 4,771,636 yen (\$13,254) or more than one-fourth of the total, reports Rev. Worth C. Grant, press representative for the Japan Baptist Mission.

department of the government of France, is strongly Catholic, and refused the admission of any evangelical missionaries until 1946. Although the book describes many phases of life in the tropics, the main emphasis is placed upon what impact evangelical Christianity has made in the last twenty years.

Copies may be obtained at \$1.00 each by sending name, address, and payment to Rev. Ralph Brady, 200 Railroad Street, Brookhaven, Mississippi, 39061, and they will be sent postage paid immediately.

A TOWERING OAK

Memorial To Tobe Reno

Dr. T. N. Touchstone of Jackson has sent to the Record a copy of the memorial message given by the pastor of First Church, Indiana, Rev. Harry Kellogg, at the funeral of O. B. "Tobe" Reno, Dec. 11, 1967.

Mr. Reno was killed in an automobile accident on Saturday, December 9, enroute home from an educational meeting in Meridian.

"He had been extremely active in educational affairs of our state," says Mr. Touchstone. "Many honors came his way. His dental educational leadership was acknowledged by all school superintendents in that area. Tobe was an outstanding athlete at Mississippi College."

Mr. Kellogg's message appeared in the Indiana newspaper. In part, it stated:

"Blessed is the man who can walk among his fellow men straight and tall, yet lowly and meek. No greater goal of life can be set by a man as he strides across the scene of his day than to be a friend of man, a friend in whom no guile is found and no hypocrisy exists . . . The seeds he plants are the seeds of kindness, knowledge, quite leadership, assurance, calmness in strife, faith in God and Christian character . . . The road of our lives would be long indeed and the hills unclimbable, were it not for such men who come and walk beside us and encourage us on our way.

"Many such men are never noted by the historian, but they are noted just the same, for their lives live on, having touched the lives of others, igniting the flame of desire for better things and a better way, and no man has lived in vain who has helped another to find his way to God and a better life.

"It is sad indeed to see such towering oaks of character suddenly fall and lie still in death. But even in the falling of such a tree, tiny acorns have been spread abroad, and, in due season, about the lying oak, a great forest will grow."

"So it is with a man of

Christian strength and character. He may be cut off in undue season, but even in his dying others are made to live. Such a man was 'Tobe' Reno, who walked among his fellow men with great strength of character. All who knew him and became his friends, were never quite the same afterwards, for in his own quiet way he stood as a towering oak . . . Indiana will long remember 'Tobe' Reno . . .

"So like towering oaks they come to grow in our midst, and like towering oaks they fall. But think of the acorns that lie around in their falling . . . The strength that he's left in the example that he's set for us . . . And in the quietness of his own devotion he had a wonderful relationship to the eternal God. So what lies within this strength? The simple faith, belief in the dignity of man, and in the honor of his faith toward God. The greatest of all things that can be said of any man can of him be simply stated, 'He was a Christian.'

"He served his community well. He served the school system well, and he served his family with love and dignity. He was a man of God in his church.

"He was a towering oak standing head and shoulders above many, so that others could look on him and find strength in so looking.

"I have no doubt . . . that when the final day comes and we are gathered together in the kingdom of our Father, men like 'Tobe' Reno will be the first kind of man that we will see in the Kingdom of our Lord."

Homecoming

Calvary Church, Wayne County, will have homecoming day on Sunday, March 10, with morning and afternoon services and lunch to be served in the fellowship hall.

The pastor, Rev. Jerry Henderson, will bring the morning message. There will be a sing-along in the afternoon. All former members and friends are invited.



James Paul Moore

MISSIONARY'S SON KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Funeral services for James Paul Moore, 27, were held Friday, Feb. 23, at First Baptist Church, Selmer, Tenn., with Rev. R. G. Elliott officiating. He was the son of Rev. James H. Moore, pastor at Rienzi and superintendent of missions for Alcorn County.

Mr. Moore died in an automobile accident near Kosciusko, Miss., on Feb. 21. He was a service station attendant.

He had attended school in Selmer and graduated from Rienzi High School, Rienzi, Miss., in 1959. He had been employed by Brown Shoe Company, Factory V, Selmer; had been employed by Billups Service Station, Corinth, Miss.; manager of Billups Service Station, Selmer; manager of Billups Station, Macon, Miss.; also employed by Billups in Columbus, Miss.; and at the time of his death was employed at Billups Station, No. 2, Jackson, Miss. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Selmer.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Donna Sue Moore of Jackson; three daughters, Paula Sue, Julia Ann and Carol; his parents, Rev. and Mrs. James H. Moore, Rienzi; one sister, Mrs. Milton Bishop, Rienzi; and two brothers, Jerry W. and Jimmy Wayne Moore, of Rienzi; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wess Moore of Selmer.

Mr. Moore had formerly made his home in Selmer for a number of years.



Names In The News

Evio de Oliveira, former minister of music at 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, and Magnolia Street Church, Laurel, is presently at Eastside Church, Marion, Georgia. His sister, Erluce de Oliveira, is a student at Mississippi College.

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